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## Marginal Column By BENY LAQUEUR

THE fall of Dien Bien Phu will probably have greater repercussions in Geneva than in Saigon, and in Paris it is more palpably felt than in Hanoi. Militarily, only a small part of the French forces in Indo-China has been affected, and the fighting can go on for years. It can be taken for granted that Russia does not want her Chinese ally to grow too strong following the addition of another satellite, and from the point of view of the opponents of E.D.C. it is certainly preferable that a large part of the French army be involved in a war 12,000 kilometers away. It is safe to assume that Russia will press for armistice conditions unbecomingly to the West, though it is not known whether China and Vietnam will need much prodding. The U.S. Secretary of State, in his speech on Friday night, opposed practically any agreement which could be envisaged. It seems likely therefore that the war will continue unless a major surprise in the form of substantial concessions is sprung by one side or the other. American policy in Indo-China has suffered a serious setback which would easily have been avoided by the U.S. taking a back seat during the early stages of the conference giving her allies a free hand to reach agreement with the East. Such an attempt would almost certainly have failed, and the U.S. might as well not have been charged with responsibility for the failure.

Things are, a political crisis out of all proportion to the military importance of Dien Bien Phu probably will ensue. This may be inevitable and in the long run salutary for those concerned. It may help to bring about at last a clarification of Western aims in the Far East and the kind of coordination of policy and strategy which means results in the East. The shock of the war will appear to be the case for the situation in France: not an acute crisis, not a creeping death, but a sudden break-out, a sudden change in the impetus needed for putting an end to the state of confusion and permanent malaise which has prevailed for so long. Ending the war in Indo-China seems to most observers a condition sine qua non for putting France's house in order. The dilemma, in their view, is one of either functioning as an independent country and a going concern — or the continuation of the war in Indo-China.

THE performance of the Bao Dai forces has been noteworthy, as was South Korea, the Southern forces had gradually borne the brunt of the battle. The relevant difference is that Indo-China was not an independent country, as was South Korea. It may be too late for any basic change in Indo-China at this hour, but it is the last (Western) colony but one in the world. If agreement is reached among the Western powers, it will probably also be the last, though the U.S. has been in Czechoslovakia was the last in Europe in 1948) to be attached to the Eastern bloc, short of unleashing a war of unrelenting aggression. An agreement would imply the realization that a state of permanent military preparedness is the price of removing the immediate danger of direct aggression. But even after the conclusion of a pact, the danger of indirect aggression on the economic, social and political fronts, especially with regard to the independent but internally weak countries of South-East Asia, will continue to exist, and the U.S. will probably be the main danger. A purely military agency will obviously be unable to cope with the cold war now mainly waged on a non-military front, and a far wider alliance will be needed. A few more pieces of dismal news may be needed until things start to move.

Jerusalem, May 9.

## 5 Held for Abduction Of Orphans in Holland

AMSTERDAM, Saturday (Reuter). — Five people — four women and one man — were arrested here in connection with the alleged abduction of two Jewish war orphans, both aged about 12, police said today. The case has resulted in a Jewish-Catholic controversy, and questions on it have been asked in the Dutch Parliament. The girls are Anneke Beekman and Betty Milhado, both war orphans of Jewish parents who died in Hitler's concentration camps. One of them, reported to be Betty, was found by Dutch detectives in a school belonging to a Roman Catholic Belgian sister after having been missing since May 1948. The other girl, Anneke, is still missing and the police here say that she was last seen at another Catholic Belgian monastery. The Netherlands-Israeli Church Association has alleged that the Catholics have "obstructed" efforts to have the children returned. "A White Book" on the case published by the Netherlands-Israeli Church Association and the Portuguese-Israeli Church Society will be sent to the Dutch Government, Parliament and the law courts, the Societies have announced.

BEVAN FINED ON TRAFFIC CHARGE  
BEACONSFIELD, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Socialist left-wing leader, was fined £20 here today for dangerous driving. His driving licence was suspended for three months.

## USSR Security Pact, NATO Bid Rejected

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — Britain, France and the U.S. in identical notes delivered in Moscow yesterday, rejected Russia's latest proposal to establish a European collective security pact which America might join and a proposal for Soviet membership of NATO. The West challenged Russia to "concrete" proposals of good will by working with the West on a five-point plan to eliminate world tension. This covered the Austrian treaty, renunciation of Germany, atomic control, peace in the Far East and conformity with the U.N. Charter.

Delivery of the notes, approved by the Foreign Ministers of the three powers here a fortnight ago, has been held up for review by national cabinets. It has also been shown to the West German and Austrian Governments and to the NATO Council, considered by the Big Three as interested parties.

## Japan's Lower House Approves Rearing

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter). — The Japanese Lower House yesterday approved by 277 votes to 188 two bills which will allow a rearmament Japan in eight years.

The legislation — the Defence Agency Bill and the Self-Defence Bill — were sent to the Upper House for the final stage before they become law.

## US Mid-East Envoys Open Talks Tuesday

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — American diplomatic chiefs from Middle Eastern countries will begin a four-day conference in Istanbul on Tuesday under the chairmanship of the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Mr. Henry Byrnes.

The State Department today described the conference as "another of the periodic meetings of representatives of the U.S. Government in the region."

The purpose of these meetings is to permit an informal exchange of views and discussion on questions of interest to the U.S. Government in the general area," he said.

Before his departure Mr. Byrnes said the conference would consider the regional problems arising from the recent Jordan and Israel and Israel-Egyptian problems too.

Mr. Byrnes said that the Jordanian problem had become no worse in the last two weeks, but that it certainly had become worse in the past few months.

## Nasser: Israel 'Must Disappear'

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — Premier Gamal Abdul Nasser in an interview with an Athens newspaper today said that Israel was an artificial State "which must disappear."

He added that Egypt would support Greece in her claim to sovereignty over Cyprus at the U.N. He did not say whether Greece had asked for Egyptian support.

In Nicosia, meanwhile, the head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Cyprus, Archbishop Makarios, last Thursday sent a message of thanks to the Greek Premier, Marshal Papagos, for his unequivocal statement on the island's future.

## Arab League Military Committee in Session

CAIRO, Saturday. — The military committee of the Arab League opened its session here yesterday. The meeting, which was attended by the Arab Chiefs of Staff, was opened by the report of the mission which also the Assistant Secretary of the League for military matters.

The committee is discussing the report of the mission which recently toured the Israel-Arab armistice lines; the strengthening of the Jordan National Guard; the evacuation of Arab Army commands; and a proposal by the Rockefeller Foundation to build a road from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean.

The conference will last for one week. (Reuter, NEAS)

## Fourth of Nairobi's Africans Detained

NAIROBI, Saturday (Reuter). — More than 24,000 Africans — a quarter of Nairobi's native population — have been detained in "Operation Anvil," the Mau Mau sweep, General Sir George Erskine, Commander-in-Chief East Africa, said here today.

Reviewing the first two weeks of the joint police and army operation Gen. Erskine said in a broadcast he was certain "a very large number of bad hats" had been picked up in the purge.

The number of Africans detained exceeded expectations. About 40% were expected to fail the screening test, but the figure was as high as 60% in some areas.

British soldier in Suez Zone  
Condemned for Murder

MOASCAR, Suez Canal Zone, Saturday (Reuter). — Fusilier Edward McKinney was today found guilty of the murder of an Egyptian police lieutenant at a court martial here. McKinney was sentenced to death by hanging. The Court recommended him to mercy.

McKinney had pleaded not guilty of the murder which took place on March 11 in the village of Fanara.

British sentries shot and wounded four Egyptian thieves today at Port Said, British spokesman said.

## 2 USSR Envoys In UK, Charged With Spying, Told to Go

LONDON, Saturday (UP). — Britain accused two Soviet Embassy Attaches of trying to commit espionage today and gave them 10 days to leave the country.

The Government declared Major Ivan Puygachev, 35, and Major Andrei Gudkov, 38, persons non grata and handed a request for their withdrawal — tantamount to an order — to Soviet Ambassador Jacob Malik yesterday.

The Foreign Office refused to disclose details of the attempted espionage, but a spokesman said that it did not relate to atomic energy.

## Jet Aircraft Secrets

Since both Puygachev and Gudkov are Assistant Air Attaches, there was speculation that the pair may have tried to steal the secrets of Britain's new atomic age jet aircraft.

The Soviet Embassy clamped down on all information concerning the Attaches.

Wooden shutters sealed the large windows of the house where the two diplomats had been living with their families. Doors were locked and the bell was disconnected.

The Government action against the two diplomats came after investigation by M.I.-5, Britain's counter-espionage corps. It was the first publicly announced success of the partnership since they were recruited by the Soviet Government last September. His successor has never been identified.

The Foreign Office spokesman denied that the charges arose out of revelations made abroad.

## Dulles Emphasizes Need For United Defence of S-E Asia

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The United States "would be gravely concerned if an armistice or cease-fire were reached at Geneva which would provide a road to further aggression in Indo-China and South-East Asia," Secretary of State Dulles said today.

In a broadcast report on the Far Eastern conference in Geneva, from which he returned last week, Mr. Dulles stated that if this occurred or if hostilities continued, the U.S. would be forced to create the conditions for united action in defence of the area.

## Three Steps

The Secretary of State added that in the view of the U.S. there are three important steps in the "association for mutual defence of free peoples fighting for their vital interests in South-East Asia:

1. The French should give greater reality to their intention to grant full independence to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. This would deprive the Vietnamese of their claim to be leading the fight for independence.

2. Greater reliance should be placed on national armies fighting in their own homeland. This would mean that the peoples felt that they had good cause to fight for and if better facilities for training and equipment were provided.

3. There should be greater free world resistance. He said that France was carrying out a policy of "containment" which was over-burdening her economic resources.

## Much Progress Made

The Secretary pointed out that much progress had already been made in each of these respects.

Mr. Dulles reviewed U.S. efforts for collective security in the area up to his conferences in London, Paris and Moscow, April, and felt that the progress made was that which the U.S. had sought.

He denied that the U.S. had ever sought an "ultimate pact" such as an ultimatum to China, and added that the U.S. and other countries were giving careful consideration to the establishment of a collective defence.

Conversations are taking place among these countries but he said that this was expected. He added that he felt confident that such a tragic event as the fall of Dien Bien Phu would not weaken our purpose to stay united.

## Complex Situation

The Secretary stated that the situation in Indo-China was far more complex than in Korea, where issues were clarified by the decision made at the U.N. and pointed out that in Indo-China "the present conditions do not provide a suitable basis for the U.S. to participate with its armed forces."

He hoped that the situation may perhaps be clarified at the Geneva conference, saying that if the French can conclude a settlement on terms which do not endanger the freedom of the peoples of Indo-China this would be a real contribution to the cause of peace in South-East Asia.

He concluded that though China has been supplying the Vietnamese with arms, technical equipment and technical advisers, she has stopped short of open intervention. This may have been the result of U.S. warnings that such intervention would lead to grave consequences, he said.

## Bidault Offers Armistice Plan For Indo-China As Dien Bien Phu Falls

De Castries, 8,000 Men Captured

HANOI, Saturday. — The French stronghold of Dien Bien Phu in north-western Indo-China fell today after a 57-day siege. The news of the fall was first broadcast by the Vietnamese radio and subsequently confirmed by the French authorities. The rebel broadcast stated that the main Command post had fallen at 5 p.m. local time, and that the Commander was taken prisoner. General de Castries was not mentioned by name.

## 30 Rebel Battalions Held Down—Navarre

SAIGON, Saturday. — The French Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China, General Henri Navarre, stated in a broadcast today that the sacrifice of Dien Bien Phu had not been in vain because for five months a dozen French battalions had tied down 30 rebel battalions, thereby saving Laos from a complete takeover and preserving the Tonkin Delta.

He said that the fortress, "submerged by overwhelming numbers" had been taken only because of aid brought to the enemy by Communist China. He maintained that one regiment of Chinese anti-aircraft artillery had participated in the siege and that he expected a new intensive Korea-style warfare to spread throughout Indo-China.

Recounting the events leading to the fall of Dien Bien Phu, General Navarre said he believed that the attack had been planned by Russian or Chinese advisers at the rebel headquarters.

General Navarre added that it was certain that if the Geneva conference did not produce a solution international intervention would become necessary. (UP, Reuter)

## TASS Lauds Churchill Call for Closer Ties

MOSCOW, Saturday (Reuter). — TASS, the official Soviet news agency, said today that Sir Winston Churchill's demand for closer ties between the Soviet Union and South-East Asia "makes possible an improvement in the international situation."

In a special statement, regarding here as an authoritative declaration by the Soviet Government, TASS announced that "leading Soviet circles" had "expressed their warmest sympathy for the peoples of South-East Asia."

17 Battalions Wiped Out  
A Vietnamese spokesman claimed that 17 French infantry battalions, including seven paratroop battalions and several sapper units had been wiped out at Dien Bien Phu. A total of 57 French planes were reported shot down or destroyed on the ground. The American-owned C.A.T. airline which flew in supplies during the last stages of the siege announced that one of its aircraft had been lost.

The latest report on the situation came from a French Dakota aircraft which flew over the fortress this evening. It said that some rebel guns were still firing and described the scene as one of "unprecedented devastation." Nothing is known as yet of the fate of the 1,200 French wounded at Dien Bien Phu for whose evacuation the French had been trying to arrange an armistice. (UP, Reuter)

## Gloom Over Paris on V-E Day

PARIS, Saturday. — A silent stream of de-mobilized ex-servicemen marched past the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier here today to mark the anniversary of the end of the War in Europe.

Larger crowds than last year gathered in the Champs Elysees to watch President Rene Coty lay a wreath at the Tomb at the Arc de Triomphe. There was only sparse tripping for the President and when the official party drove away there were shouts of "Down with Plevien" and "To Dien Bien Phu."

There were no disorders, but the mood of the people was reflected in the presence of hundreds of steel-helmeted police standing by in the side streets. The main Paris theatres will be closed tonight and tomorrow, and the French Radio has cancelled its evening television programme as a mark of mourning.

The news of the fall of the fortress was given to the National Assembly by Premier Joseph Laniel, who bitterly complained that France had been left by her allies to fight the war in Indo-China alone for the past seven years. Many of the Deputies rose, some with fists clenched and some fighting back tears, as the Premier announced the country's most serious defeat since 1940.

## Ra'anan Takes Second In Platform Diving

MANILA, Saturday (Reuter). — Yoon Ra'anan, of Israel, today came second in the platform diving competition on the last day of the Asian games, only one point behind Katsuchi Kohari, of Japan, whom he beat in the springboard diving two days ago. The next competitor was more than 20 points behind.

## Communists Block Discussion

GENEVA, Saturday (UP). — France today offered a general cease-fire in Indo-China if the Communist Vietnams agreed to withdrawals from key areas, and Russia and China join the West in guaranteeing the armistice. The plan was offered at the first meeting of the Indo-China Peace Conference which opened under the chairmanship of the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.

## Ike Calls Security Body Into Session

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — President Eisenhower met with the National Security Council today in an extraordinary session to weigh conditions that could lead to American military intervention in Indo-China along with other Allied nations. The President called the meeting of his top strategists after the fall of Dien Bien Phu.

No official reason was given for the conference, but informants said that it was sure to centre on the critical situation in Indo-China and future American strategy in south-east Asia.

Among those present were Vice-President Nixon, the Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, and several other Cabinet members as well as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Radford.

## Peking Repeats Demand For UN Admission

GENEVA, Saturday (Reuter). — People's China last night repeated her demand for admission to the United Nations.

The Chinese delegation's official spokesman read a statement to a press conference demanding admittance on the grounds that "China is one of the sponsors of the U.N. and permanent member of the Security Council."

He said that a Chinese Communist delegate was among those who signed the Geneva Declaration, and no one had the right to oppose the admittance of the People's Republic of China to the U.N.

The Chinese people had thrown out the Chiang Kai-shek regime and had chosen the present Government "in accordance with their own will."

"The fact that the U.N. under the manipulation of the U.S. has deprived China of its rightful place in the United Nations is not only opposed by the Chinese people but many peoples and governments," he declared.

## Stevens Says McCarthy Aides Threatened Him

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Secretary of the Army, Mr. Robert Stevens, said under oath yesterday that Senator McCarthy's assistants had threatened him with "exceedingly heavy" threats in connection with his investigation of the Senate investigating sub-committee which is hearing the Senator's dispute with the Army.

Senator McCarthy, who was cross-examining Mr. Stevens, immediately denounced the charge as a "lie" and was ordered by Chairman Karl Mundt to withdraw the word.

Earlier, the Senator had told reporters that he felt no duty to keep secret any information about Communist infiltration in the Government without regard to where he had obtained it.

## New Paraguay President

BUENOS AIRES, Saturday (Reuter). — The Paraguayan national radio at Asuncion said today that Mr. Tomas de Francia, President by the military and civilian junta which overthrew President Federico Chaves last Tuesday. The junta is composed of ex-presidents and members of the ruling National Republican (Colorado) Party.

The Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, declared that the conference had a right to discuss his own country's territory until April 6.

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### Social & Personal

Mr. Wilbur P. Chase, the U.S. Consul in Haifa, left with his family for home leave in the S. Arta on Friday.

Mr. Pinhas Sapir, Director General of the Ministry of Finance, left by El Al on Friday for London for a one-week visit on behalf of his Ministry. Also aboard the plane was Mr. M. Noy, member of the Jewish Agency Executive and Secretary of World Poets Zion, on his way to the U.S. to attend the Poets Zion conference and the meeting of the Jewish National Workers Alliance.

Mr. Vittorio Fano, Chairman of the Jewish Community of Venice and a veteran of the Italian Zionist movement, has arrived with Mrs. Fano for a visit.

Rabbi A. J. Lelyveld, Director of the Jewish World Council, arrived for Tuesday's dedication of Hillel House at the Hebrew University.

Mrs. Kamma Melchior, President of the Jewish Community of Haifa, and a group of English women members, including Miss B. Gudinsky, Publicity Chairman, and Mrs. B. Williams of the Education and Hachshara Dept., have joined the Wizo-Jewish Agency study tour arranged for 62 South African Wizo members who arrived by chartered plane on Independence Day.

Mr. Itzhak Cohen has been appointed Secretary of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce, in place of Miss Varda Hoffer, whose resignation becomes effective on May 15.

Mrs. Lucia Borchard, Chairman of Borchard Lines Ltd. London, and Lucia Borchard Shipping Ltd. of Haifa and Tel Aviv, has arrived in Haifa and is staying at the Lev Hachem Hotel.

A group of 14 members of the Association of World War I Veterans in the U.S. led by Mr. Ben Kaufman, President of the Association, arrived by T.W.A. on Friday for a two-week visit. A reception in honor of the visitors was given by the Z.O.A. House management in Tel Aviv on Friday night. They also visited the Histadrut headquarters in Tel Aviv.

Mr. David Horowitz, Director-Designate of the State Bank, is to address the Israel-American Friendship League on "The Influence of Relations with America on the Israel Economy" at Beit Hachem Hotel, Jerusalem, at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Dr. G. W. Scott Blair, Head of Physics Department, National Institute for Research in Dairying, University of Reading, England, who is now in Israel as the guest of the Technion and the Israel Research Council, will deliver two guest lectures under the auspices of the Hebrew University and the Technion. The first lecture, on "Measuring Craftsmanship," which will be illustrated, will be given at 8:30 this evening in the assembly hall of the Faculty of Science (Department of Geography building), at 29 Mamillah Road, Jerusalem. The second lecture, on "The Technion and the Physicists," will be given at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow at Beit Hachem Hotel, Jerusalem.

**BIRTH**  
KOLIN — to Rachel (née Bass) and Jacob Kolin, Eng. at the Asuta Hospital, Tel Aviv — a son, brother to Jehoshua.

**ALUF TOLKOWSKY**  
Aluf-Mishne Dan Tolkowsky, Commander of the Air Force, has been promoted to the rank of Aluf effective May 8.

### ON THE AIR

Jerusalem: 497 N.; Haifa: 340 M.; Tel Aviv: 222, 223 & 224 M.

**FIRST PROGRAMME**  
News: 7 a.m., 1:30, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 7 a.m., 11:30, 1:30, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 11:00 p.m. Morning Programme (Hebrew only): 6:30 Service: 6:30, 7:10 Morning Melodies (R). 7:40 Oriental Music (R). 8:30 Close Down.  
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## Arab States Mend Phone Links

By a Special Correspondent  
CAIRO, (OFNS). —

The Communications Committee of the Arab League, which has just concluded a fortnight's session here, has conducted an overhaul of the communications arrangements of the Arab Middle East which may do something to repair the damage they suffered from the Israel-Arab war and the creation of Israel. Since 1948, Egypt practically has been cut off from telephone communications with the other countries of the Arab League. Before 1948, the tele-communications radiated from Palestine. It is now planned that the new center should be Ramallah. A land-line route is being built by Egypt across the Sinai desert from Suez to a point near Tabu on the Gulf of Elat, and thence by submarine cable to the port of Akaba, which is already connected to Amman by overhead cable. Amman is in turn connected to Damascus and Baghdad and, of course, Damascus is linked with Beirut and northern Syria.

**Hejaz R.R.**

The rebuilding of the Hejaz railway which runs from Damascus south through Amman, and used to continue to Medina, has already been decided upon, and along this railway will be built a telephone and telegraph cable route into Saudi Arabia.

Thus the network of internal communications for the Arab Middle East is being at long last reconstructed. It has, indeed, already made much progress. The land route across the Sinai has already passed Nakhl, which is roughly halfway, and the submarine cable, which is being laid across the Gulf of Akaba by the British firm of Standard Telephone, should be completed very soon. All the equipment is already on order from Britain and delivery is promised before the end of the year. One three-plus-one carrier equipment by which one pair of lines is transformed into four pairs by having three different frequencies working on the single pair of wires which can, at the same time, carry a telephone or telegraphic signal already been delivered at Akaba.

The Communications Committee has also decided on a supplementary radiotelephone link from Cairo to Ramallah or from Cairo to Beirut. This link will probably be with Ramallah because the terrain northwards from Gaza, where the landline from Cairo would stop, would make relay stations in Israel between it and Rosh Hanikra on the Lebanese border almost an essential. As such relay stations in Israel are ruled out by Arab policy, the radiotelephone link will almost certainly take the north-easterly route to Ramallah, which is maintained effectively without relay stations in Israel territory.

**Radio Communications**  
The Communications Committee hopes that an effective system of radio and landline communications in the Arab world will be completed within the year. Meanwhile Jordan and Egypt are to increase their present radiotelephone communication from one hour to two hours daily. The Communications Committee of the League also deals with sea and land transport, ports,

railways, civil aviation and meteorological cooperation, and all these subjects were surveyed at the recent meeting. It was decided to have an Arab mercantile marine built at a cost of \$30m. over a period of five years. This capital will be raised as far as possible from the public in all the Arab States, the investors being guaranteed a minimum four per cent interest on their money. The Arab Governments will be registered and the tonnage flags of the various Arab countries in accordance with the amount of capital each country subscribes.

**Civil Air Fleet**

While this might be considered a reasonable method of creating a merchant navy, a parallel proposal to create an Arab civil air fleet seems to have less justification. There are already seven airlines in the Middle East. Some are associated with the big international companies. All that needs to be necessary is greater coordination of their flying schedules.

The Committee also decided to

strengthen and coordinate their meteorological services and to establish a permanent bureau in Cairo for postal affairs. A postal conference is being held in Amman next month. One "curiosity" Spain has asked to participate in the Arab postal union. There are many reasons why the Arab League has been so active as a political body, for it came into existence at a most difficult time and had the "Palestine affair" to handle in its formative stage. But there is little justification for its slow progress and often its failure in practical matters, such as allowing six years to pass before dealing with telephone communications. For ten years it has discussed visas, passports, customs facilities and the like without making any real progress. An Arab travelling between the various Arab countries has still to fill his passport with exit visas, entry visas, transit visas and the like. On the "Palestine" matter, the League has sent through two customs posts about a mile apart from each other. The League has been slow in its progress, the delays are almost insupportable. The journey from Beirut to Damascus takes two hours by car, but a busload of people gets stuck in the customs and passport stations.

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## Board Probing Oppenheimer Begins 10-Day Recess

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). —

The special board considering whether Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the atomic scientist, should be restored to access to government atomic data yesterday began a 10-day recess. Mr. Gordon Gray, the board's chairman, said the recess was to enable its members "to review the record of its proceedings." Dr. Oppenheimer, formerly chief director to the Atomic Energy Commission, was barred by order of President Eisenhower last December from further access to government atomic data pending a new security check.

**'Anti-Intervention'**

**Group Formed in US**

CHICAGO, Saturday (Reuter). —

A new political organization called "For America" was formed in Chicago yesterday. The group's stated aim is opposing American participation in "preventive wars" and the sending of "our American boys to fight all over the world without the consent of Congress." The founding group of politicians and businessmen said the organization was not a new party, but it would enter the autumn elections "to fight with in both parties for congressmen and senators who have the same principles."

The new unit was formed at a luncheon given by Colonel Robert McCormick, editor and publisher of the "Chicago Tribune."

In Washington yesterday, Senator Lyndon Johnson, the Senate Democratic leader, declared his opposition to the administration's foreign policy at a bluffing by our enemies" and the sending of "our American boys to fight all over the world without the consent of Congress."

Sen. Johnson, who has made a point of cooperation with the Republicans on foreign and military affairs, severely criticized their foreign policy at a Democratic Party fund-raising dinner here.

He said, "It is apparent that American foreign policy has never in its history suffered such a stunning reversal... We have been caught bluffing by our enemies. Our friends and allies are frightened and wondering, as we do, where we are heading."

**Actors Want More**

**Contact with Public**

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mr. Yehoshua Bertov, the veteran Habimah actor, stated yesterday that a total of 1.5 million theatre tickets were sold in Israel last year — a ticket to almost every person. However, he said, in an address at the Technion and Commercial Club, there was not sufficient contact between the actors and the public, and he suggested that the actors should be free to discuss and criticize, particularly because "theatre critics, rather than expressing popular opinion, force their own upon the public."

Speaking in his well-known deep voice, the speaker said according to the ancient Greek theatre performance was a national event, despite the political strife of those times. Also, he stated, it then there were always persons prepared to finance the theatre and who considered it a great honour to do so.

Mr. Bertov thought the theatre an essential item of civilized life and announced a programme for Habimah's expansion: a dramatic school is to be set up; a "little theatre" is to be formed in the Habimah building basement; special plays for children are to be prepared; and a club is to be formed for the general public.

Mr. Reuven Avinoam, the poet, spoke in favour of a children's theatre, saying that it was essential for the country's cultural standards to educate an intelligent theatre audience. Other guests at the club were the actors Aharon Meshkin and S. Bat-Ami.

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FORECAST: Tomorrow and the day after...

A GROUP OF 68 immigrants from the Yemen arrived by El Al on Thursday night from Cyprus, where they were flown by chartered plane.

THE ILIAD PRIZE, established at the Hebrew University by Professor T. Zvi, in memory of Rachel Zvi, a University student who fell in the defense of Jerusalem during the War of Independence, was awarded on Independence Day to Miss Shoshana Nachman, who is majoring in botany at the University.

THE PRELIMINARY investigation of the three persons accused of stealing \$12,000 from the Kupat Yehonatan Bank on the night of April 7, began on Friday in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court. After the prosecutor's charge had been read in the presence of the accused, Yitzhak and Nathan Schreiber, and Yosef Mirzakh, the hearings were adjourned.

THIEVES STOLE \$12,000 in cash and \$140 in jewelry on Thursday night when they broke into the apartment of Mr. Shimon Gredi, M.K., at 11 Rehov Zadoh Hachoen in Tel Aviv.

REGISTRATION for an advanced course in clothes cutting and designing is now taking place at Beit El, 18 Rehov Brenner, Tel Aviv.

MISS DVOIRA KAKOVER, of the Hebrew University, and Mr. Yitzhak Minkov, of the Technion, have been awarded scholarships by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to participate in the Institute's Summer Seminar for Foreign Students which will take place from June 17 to September 17.

# Boy Killed, Four Hurt on Roads

HAIFA, Saturday. — Abraham Heller, aged 15, of Kiryat HaShalom, was fatally injured when hit by a lorry overtaking a taxi at the Nether bus stop yesterday morning. He died in the Rothschild Hospital.

Both drivers were detained, but the taxi driver was later released on bail.

Mrs. Rachel Goldstein, 54, was seriously injured when a wall fell on her in her courtyard in the lower town yesterday afternoon. The wall collapsed when a lorry ran into it.

Three persons, including two infants, were seriously injured in traffic accidents in Jerusalem on Friday.

Moshe Fago, aged three-and-a-half, was hurt when he was knocked down by a commercial lorry on Rehov Ben-Zion. He was taken to Ziv Hospital.

Esther Musallim, aged six-and-a-half, was hit by a motorcycle. The driver was also thrown from the machine and hurt.

Ziva Talim, of Haifa, was seriously hurt in the legs when a private car struck her opposite the General Post Office Jaffa Road. She was taken to Ziv Hospital.

# Child Drowns in Rainwater Pool

REHOVOT, Saturday. — Five-year-old David Oxata drowned yesterday morning in a pool of rainwater collected in an unfinished swimming pool near his home in Ness Ziona.

After the child had been missing for some hours, a search party was organized. Police found a pair of shoes lying near the edge of the pool and discovered the body later.

# Etzion Heroes Honoured

A memorial service honoring the fallen of the Etzion bloc, which was taken six years ago by the Arabs, was held in the Military Cemetery on Mt. Herzl on Friday.

Before the service, a 620-page book on the bloc of settlements, south of Jerusalem, was distributed to the bereaved families. The book was prepared by the Youth Department of the Zionist Organization.

Mr. Z. Warhaftig, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs, attended the ceremony.

# RATION NEWS

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Eggs, 2.10; 1st 1.20; 2nd 1.10; 3rd 1.00; 4th 0.90; 5th 0.80; 6th 0.70; 7th 0.60; 8th 0.50; 9th 0.40; 10th 0.30; 11th 0.20; 12th 0.10; 13th 0.05; 14th 0.02; 15th 0.01.

HAIFA AND BEERSHEVA: Coffee and tea, 50 gr. of each, 1.00; 100 gr. of each, 1.50; 200 gr. of each, 2.50; 500 gr. of each, 4.00; 1 kg. of each, 7.00; 2 kg. of each, 12.00; 5 kg. of each, 25.00; 10 kg. of each, 45.00; 20 kg. of each, 80.00; 50 kg. of each, 150.00; 100 kg. of each, 250.00; 200 kg. of each, 450.00; 500 kg. of each, 850.00; 1000 kg. of each, 1500.00; 2000 kg. of each, 2500.00; 5000 kg. of each, 4500.00; 10000 kg. of each, 7500.00; 20000 kg. of each, 12000.00; 50000 kg. of each, 20000.00; 100000 kg. of each, 35000.00; 200000 kg. of each, 55000.00; 500000 kg. of each, 95000.00; 1000000 kg. of each, 150000.00; 2000000 kg. of each, 250000.00; 5000000 kg. of each, 450000.00; 10000000 kg. of each, 750000.00; 20000000 kg. of each, 1200000.00; 50000000 kg. of each, 2000000.00; 100000000 kg. of each, 3500000.00; 200000000 kg. of each, 5500000.00; 500000000 kg. of each, 9500000.00; 1000000000 kg. of each, 15000000.00; 2000000000 kg. of each, 25000000.00; 5000000000 kg. of each, 45000000.00; 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**IN Jerusalem**, more than anywhere else, the leaders of Sephardi Jewry whose Congress opens today, will feel at home.

**SEPHARDIM** The very street names of Rehov and other quarters of the Holy City recall the illustrious men who, since the beginning of the Dispersion, have been the glory of their people.

Scholars, philosophers and physicians, statesmen and financiers, travellers, writers and poets — a veritable galaxy in the firmament of the Jewish genius. Sephardim, as Spain is called in Hebrew, carried on the tradition of the great schools of Eretz-Israel and Babylon, with commentaries on the written and oral law which have become fundamentals of Jewish learning, but also with prayers and songs which are recited in all places of worship to this day.

This tradition was kept alive after the great expulsion and spread to the shores of the Mediterranean, from North Africa to Italy, Greece, Egypt and Turkey and, in the end, to the old country of Israel. It was here that a new generation of Chief Rabbis arose in 1654 with the Sephardim (as Hebrew usage has it) of the famous Rabbi Moshe Galanti, whose 32nd successor was the lamented Chief Rabbi Ben-Zion Uziel.

Looking back at this glorious past, the Sephardi leaders will be able to be more conscious of their tasks and duties today, in their communities abroad, and most urgently in and towards the State of Israel. Here, a new centre is evolving, no longer in the accustomed sense of "Sephardi" Jews, but consisting of whole Oriental communities who have obeyed the call of the great Return and already form nearly half the population of the country.

The task which the absorption and integration of these masses impose can only in part be undertaken by the Government and other public institutions. It has many aspects, cultural and economic, social and political, but they all converge into the one great goal of preparing the newcomers for a fundamental change in their way of life; for the emergence of any form of a new Levantism would have disastrous results. Education, then, is the first step, and training for productive occupations in agriculture, industry and trade; the second. It would be a fatal mistake, however, to ignore the great value inherent in the traditions of these communities, their firmly rooted attachment to the tenets of Judaism, as well as their centuries-old connection with the Arab world. What is needed in the first place therefore is an army of teachers coming from their own ranks, but fully conscious of their responsibility towards the new community of Israel.

Great as the differences are between Ashkenazim and Sephardim, they are bound to disappear in the course of a gradual process of assimilation and intermarriage. It will be a slow process, as history has taught us, but the time has come when the Sephardim — that relic from Russia and Poland — has not, and obstinate as they are, the various sections will preserve their own liturgies and will continue to delight in hints and twinges of the one side, and in bawls and bowls on the other. There is no harm in the preservation of such customs, as long as sight is not lost of the greater objective of a new and united, if not uniform, society in the old land.

With all this in mind, the people of Israel will look to the Sephardi Congress as to a new milestone on a long and hard road, and they will extend their welcome to their distinguished brethren in their own language: *Vengas en buena hora* — May your coming be of good augury!

**Danes Protest Gov't Law By 'Marriage of Convenience'**  
COPENHAGEN, Saturday (Reuters). — The "marriage of convenience" movement in Danish civil service has spread, with seven more women and four men joining, bringing the total to 26.

Couples plan to marry early in June and then get divorced as soon as possible to protest against the Government system of paying married and divorced civil servants the same salary, with seven more women and four men joining, bringing the total to 26.

Mr. Verner Overge, organizer of the "Let's Get Married" movement, said last night they had four girls still without partners, but he believed more men would join soon.

## Report from Jordan

# ARAB FEARS OF INVASION

By RUSSELL THOMAS

**AMMAN (OFNS).** — There is not a soul in Jordan who does not believe that if Israel chose to attack, she could cut deep into the country before the Arab Legion could be concentrated in sufficient strength at the required point; and even then, it is recognized that the Legion, highly efficient though it is, could not alone withstand an attack by the Israel Army.

Neither Israel's pacific intentions, nor tri-partite guarantees by the Western Powers, nor the Anglo-Jordanian Treaty have succeeded in eliminating the fear of actual invasion. Miles inside Jordan, at Jericho in the Dead Sea rift, a friend seriously discussed with your correspondent what he should do when the Israel invasion took place, and whether the refugees at present living in the Jordan Valley and to the westward would be driven further to the east or would be allowed to remain.

**War Never Ended.** This sort of anxiety makes Security Council discussions and opinion in the West seem very unreal here. Peace with Israel, which in view of nearly six years of armistice, seems to be the non-Arab mind a perfectly sensible idea, is to the Arab an absurdity. He feels, and feels deeply, that a state of war does exist. Thus it is that in Damascus, Baghdad, or Amman, all efforts to promote a peace settlement are regarded as a trick to further the ends of the Israel state, and are focused instead on defence requirements.

It is useless to argue the case, one finds, that there is an Israel threat to peace or not, the belief in it exists; and just as an Iranian illness can be as real as the illness itself, so the sense of fear is a reality in the Arab world.

The news in this area is just now more oppressively concerned with military developments than at any time in the period since the war itself. The Arab Legion is seeking further aid from Britain to increase its effectiveness; the Jordanian Government is pressing the Arab States and oil sheikdoms for money to enlarge her National Guard, the militia built up in the frontier area. The latest donation is \$50,000 from the Sheik of Kuwait.

In Syria, a ban has been put on all military news, steps are taken to strengthen the forces on the frontier and measures are being taken to coordinate arrangements with the Lebanese. From both Syria and Lebanon it is reported that Israel is building fortifications and putting armaments on the frontier.

The Arab States are still weak after six years of suspended war. This weakness is the product largely of their own policies, which in turn were derived from the psychosis created by the loss of most "Arab Palestine." That loss, attributed to the policy of the Western Powers, encouraged "neutrality" and resistance to any practical cooperation with the West, which was the only area from which the Arabs could gain strength. The Arabs wanted strength; their policy denied it to them.

But time has wrought a change. Recent events on the Israel-Arab frontiers have enhanced the value of military aid and practical policies in the United States offer of military aid to supplement that which she receives from Britain under the Anglo-Israeli Treaty. Lebanon has sent a military mission to Britain, France and the United States to investigate the question of military aid and Western policy on "Palestine." Jordan is asking Britain for the money for her army. Even Egypt makes it clear that a settlement with Britain of the Suez Canal Zone question would open the door to cooperation, and cooperation in this context means military and economic aid.

What is most remarkable about these developments is that a highly nationalist Arab Press has, on balance, welcomed all recent moves to get Western aid. The Iraq Government, which was for so long attacked for its sympathy with the Arab League, is now suspected of deserting the Arab League in favour of an alliance with the West. Turkey and Pakistan, has been commended in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan for its practical step to secure adequate strength. In Egypt there was little comment on the Iraq case and that comment was somewhat scathing, but it was by no means outright condemnation.

Arab leaders are apt in private to point out that the "question of Palestine" cannot be settled even temporarily without "a feeling of security" on the Arab side. When Mr. Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, made a statement in the House of Commons which was interpreted as a feeling of security, the Arab side was interpreted as a feeling of security.

**INDIA-PAKISTAN WATER DISPUTE.** — The Governments of India and Pakistan are discussing whether they will accept the World Bank recommendations for the Indus water dispute that started in 1947, when the two countries became independent. The dispute is over the former British Indian Empire into the two States of India and Pakistan. The Indus, which is the largest canal system, which the British had built to irrigate the Punjab, is now a source of dispute. The system was built by the British, and the water is now being used by the Indians. The Pakistanis are now demanding that the water be divided equally between the two countries.

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**MUSICAL DIARY.** — The Kol Yisrael Orchestra's Special Concert, at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday, conducted by Heinz Prudenthal, inaugurated the Month of Jewish Music. The programme, featuring the Kol Zion Lagala Choir and Naomi Zuri (mezzo-soprano) as the soloist, was quite familiar to the connoisseurs of Israeli music. It was even the same "cast" that performed during the "Conquest of the Desert" Music Festival. The opening piece, "Egipht Salomon's cantata 'Adon Olam,' was composed for the latter occasion. Josef Tal's symphonic cantata, "The Koloth Rejoice" (soloists: Sara Lash; Ephraim Wagner; Meir Harnik) also had its public premiere during the same festival and was decidedly the most provocative piece then and on this occasion. Of the songs by I. Edel and Yedidia Adon, composed for mezzo-soprano and orchestra, the latter were also repeated performances, as was Paul Ben-Haim's orchestral suite "From Israel," premiered previously under George Singer. Contrary to the previous performances of this programme, the orchestra this time was not augmented by the Police Band. — A perceptible omission, indeed, Marc Lavry's "Degel" was written for Independence Day, and has a rhythmic swing, strongly reminiscent of "La Marseillaise."

But the highlight was the performance by the Kol Zion Lagala choir, a fine chamber ensemble, remarkably unified under the extremely gifted but modest hand of the young conductor Abraham Kaplan. He celebrated his 23rd birthday that evening. In the five a cappella settings by Moshe Bick, Ezra Gabbai, Sholem Hershkovitz, and Lavry (Emek), he displayed authority, instinctive musicianship, a subtle sense of sound and how to build a climax. This section of the bill was most enjoyable.

It is regrettable that on such an occasion there were not even cancelled programmes available. Further, the posters mentioned only the names of some of the composers, and not the titles of any of the compositions.

**FRANGO** In Tel Aviv THE Collegium Musicum presented a provocative and entertaining programme of ambitious variety at Beit Hamoreh last week. A rather revealing typical trio Sonata da Camera by Corelli for two violins and continuo, played by Lorand and Alice Fenyves, with Eytan Lustig at the piano, was followed by the distinct English idiom of Corelli's contemporary, Purcell, in the secular and thoroughly lyrical cantata "The Moon." Lovely and naive as is the little hymn, it is not easily performed, but it was sung with understanding and temperament by Mimi Lockwood (soprano) and Ruth Cooper (contralto). Eytan Lustig, guiding spirit of these series of concerts, was again at the piano.

With the performance of a violin duo by M. Seter, the Tel Aviv composer, we were somewhat abruptly brought back to present-day music. I had heard of Seter's last year, but the new duo are more nicely conceived studies in comparison. Nor did they measure up to another sort of miniature for two violins, Bartok's marvellous elaborations of Hungarian and Rumanian folk melodies, which followed.

**Readers' Letters.** — The aspirations of progressing man. Coming as strangers, we knew almost nothing of your country and her people, but we left as profound admirers of your vision, industry, forbearance and warm-hearted hospitality. We ask you to accept us as lasting friends who will at all times and in all countries be ready to help you in every way for her all the support, both moral and material, that we can. We await the good fortune of a return visit and, in the meantime, will heed the words of the Psalmist and "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

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## VISITORS' GALLERY

# Flying Dutchmen

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Mr. Van Gelder, an international expert on airline finances, stressed the fact that when K.L.M. undertook to invest in the Israel service, it was fully aware of difficulties of transfer of earnings, which would be subject to a payments agreement between the two countries. Israel had only lived up to it, but actually has done more than was required according to the letter of the agreement. He underlined that it was always K.L.M.'s policy to be on the best of terms with the national carrier. This was certainly the case with El Al.

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## Report on Sephardim

By a Special Correspondent

**THE** walls of Sephardi isolation are crumbling and both the Ashkenazim and Sephardim have embarked upon the great enterprise of working in common for all Israel. Dr. Isaac L. Schwarzbart, director of the World Jewish Congress' Organization Department, declared in a new WJC report published on the eve of the Second World Sephardic Conference, scheduled to open in Jerusalem today.

The new study by Dr. Schwarzbart, entitled "Toward Unity Between Sephardim and Ashkenazim," traces the many organizational activities of the WJC to attain a working unity between the two segments of Jewry. In addition, the study presents a detailed comparative chart showing the number of Sephardim in the world in 1950 and today.

Statistics for 103 countries and islands throughout the globe show that the world's total Jewish population is 11,758,491. Of these, 1,744,883, or 15 per cent — are Sephardic Jews.

The WJC has long been concerned with healing the centuries-old division between Sephardim and Ashkenazim. Two aspects of the problem, particularly, have engaged the attention of the World Jewish Congress, according to Dr. Schwarzbart: "First, the activation of the Sephardi world by arousing their interest not only in the fate of their own communities, but in the fate of the whole Jewish people; and second, the amalgamation of Sephardim and Ashkenazim where these two segments have come to live side by side."

The Sephardim are the descendants of the Jews who were expelled from Spain (Sephardi) in 1492 and later from Portugal, but the term now also includes the Oriental Jews of the Moslem world of North Africa and the Near East. The forthcoming World Sephardic Conference will include delegates from the latter areas too. The Jews of Europe (excluding Spain and Portugal) became known as Ashkenazim, Ashkenaz (meaning Germany) being

the main centre of their settlement. In the course of history, especially after the Emancipation which took place in the 19th century, the Ashkenazim grew into the overwhelming majority of the Jewish people.

Of the nearly two million Sephardic Jews today, over 51 per cent live in Asia, over 31 per cent in Africa, over 11 per cent in the Western Hemisphere, and nearly one per cent in Australia. In relation to the Ashkenazim, the report shows, the Sephardim constitute 82 per cent of the total Jewish population in Africa, 47 per cent in Asia, and only three per cent in the Western Hemisphere and Europe.

"From this breakdown," Dr. Schwarzbart declares, "it is clear that the problem of amalgamation is of special importance in Asia. Close to 575,000 Sephardim live in Israel, side by side with 900,000 Ashkenazim. Amalgamation of the two segments has to be brought about."

In Africa, Dr. Schwarzbart says, "it is not the problem of amalgamation that must be tackled, but that of activation, since the Oriental Jews in North Africa make up the bulk of Jews there, with only a sprinkling of Ashkenazim."

The problem of amalgamation is a major imperative, also, in Latin America, both South and Central America. Argentina has 15,000 Sephardim, Brazil has 19,200 among 139,000 Jews; Cuba, 4,200 among 19,000; and Mexico, 9,000 among 23,507.



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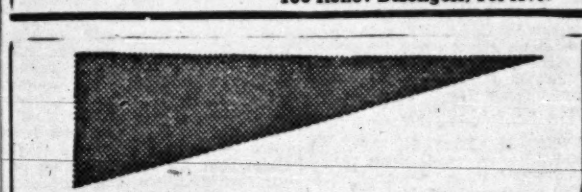
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